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EASTERN GULF OF ALASKA LINGCOD ALLOCATION REGULATORY UPDATES

Regulations adopted at the 2022 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting will become effective **September 25, 2022,** (https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=207942) and are summarized for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska lingcod fisheries as follows:

In the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector:

- **two percent** of the annual lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) is allocated to bycatch in the commercial groundfish fishery using hand troll gear and mechanical jigging machines [5 AAC 28.165(5)(D)];
- **seven percent** of the annual lingcod GHL is allocated to bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery [5 AAC 28.165(5)(E)].

The lingcod guideline harvest ranges (GHR) for Southeast Alaska fisheries are defined in 5 AAC 28.160(e). Regulation 5 AAC 28.165 allocates the annual GHL of each management area among the commercial directed lingcod fishery, commercial salmon troll, longline and groundfish jig bycatch fisheries, and sport fishery.

Lingcod management areas include Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, SSEOC, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector (Figure 1).

Lingcod Allocations (round pound) by Fishery and Management Area as of September 25, 2022

Area	IBS	EYKT	NSEO	CSEO	SSEOC	NSEI	SSEIW
GHL	100,000	225,000	40,000	240,000	167,000	32,000	52,000
Commercial directed fishery	46,000	111,000	17,200	86,400	50,100	0	0
Commercial longline bycatch	12,670	94,000	10,800	55,200	28,390	9,600	2,080
Commercial salmon troll bycatch	8,000	16,000	3,200	16,800	11,690	6,400	2,080
Commercial groundfish jig bycatch*	0	0	0	9,600	3,340	0	0
Sport fishery	33,330	4,000	8,800	72,000	73,480	16,000	47,840

^{*}Groundfish jig bycatch fishery limited to mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear.

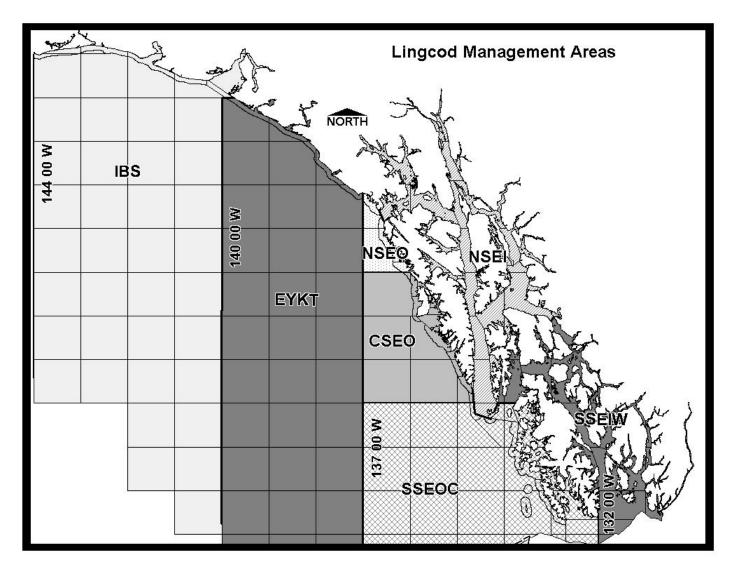


Figure 1.—Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas. This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5 AAC 28.105.

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